

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (cancelled)

2. **(currently amended)** A disposable undergarment, comprising:

a front waist region, a rear waist region and a crotch region extending longitudinally of said undergarment between the front and rear waist regions, said crotch region having transversely opposite side edges curving inward transversely of said undergarment to define peripheral edges of leg-openings of said undergarment;

first and second elastic members each including opposite end portions and a middle portion disposed between and connecting the end portions;

each of the end portions of the first elastic member extending along a front end portion of one of said transversely opposite side edges of said crotch region, the middle portion of the first elastic member extending across said crotch region;

each of the end portions of the second elastic member extending along a rear end portion of one of said transversely opposite side edges of said crotch region, the middle portion of the second elastic member extending across said crotch region;

the first and second elastic members being completely spaced apart in a longitudinal direction of said undergarment without contacting or crossing each other;

a pair of third elastic members each extending along one of said transversely opposite side edges of said crotch region and curving inward transversely of said undergarment;

each of said third elastic members having a front portion extending alongside at least a part of one of the end portions of the first elastic member, and a rear portion extending alongside at least a part of one of the end portions of the second elastic member;

~~The disposable undergarment according to claim 1, wherein a tensile stress of overlapping zones in which the front and rear portions of said third elastic members extend alongside the respective end portions of said first and second elastic members said first and second both side~~

~~portions overlap said first and second connecting portions~~ is higher than that of non-overlapping zones ~~the remaining zone~~ in which said first, second and third ~~first-third~~ elastic members do not extend alongside each other.

3. **(currently amended)** The disposable ~~weaving~~ undergarment according to claim 1 ~~2, wherein said undergarment is a disposable diaper~~ further comprising a liquid-pervious topsheet, a liquid-impervious backsheet and a liquid-absorbent core disposed between ~~these sheets~~ the topsheet and backsheet.

4. **(currently amended)** The disposable ~~weaving~~ undergarment according to claim 1 ~~2, wherein said undergarment is a disposable diaper~~ further comprising

a liquid-absorbent panel including a liquid-absorbent core disposed between a liquid-pervious topsheet and a leak-barrier sheet; ; and

a liquid-impervious backsheet; ~~defining said front and rear waist regions and said crotch region,~~

said panel ~~extending across said crotch region in the longitudinal direction and being joined to inner surface of said backsheet with said leak-barrier sheet lying therebetween,~~ between the backsheet and the core;

said first and second elastic members being attached to said backsheet; ; and

said third elastic members ~~are being~~ attached to transversely opposite side edge portions of said panel extending along said transversely opposite side edges ~~edge portions~~ of said crotch region.

5. **(new)** The undergarment according to claim 2, wherein the middle portions of said first and second elastic members are attached under tension to said backsheet.

6. **(new)** The undergarment according to claim 2, wherein said first and second elastic members are not co-elevational with said third elastic members as viewed in a thickness direction

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of said undergarment.

7. **(new)** The undergarment according to claim 4, wherein an entire area of said topsheet is smaller than that of said backsheet.

8. **(new)** The undergarment according to claim 7, wherein said third elastic members terminate at an edge of said topsheet.

9. **(new)** The undergarment according to claim 2, wherein each of said first and second elastic members extends continuously integrally from one of the end portions to the other.

10. **(new)** The undergarment according to claim 2, wherein said backsheet has at least two material layers including an upper layer and a lower layer, said first and second elastic members are sandwiched between said upper and lower layers, and said third elastic members are sandwiched between said upper layer and said topsheet.

11. **(new)** The undergarment according to claim 2, wherein an entirety of each of said third elastic members describes a curve matching a contour of the respective transversely opposite side edge of said crotch region.

12. **(new)** The undergarment according to claim 2, wherein each of said third elastic members extends alongside an entirety of each of the respective end portions of said first and second elastic members.

13. **(new)** The undergarment according to claim 2, wherein said first and second elastic members are not directly attached to the topsheet.

14. **(new)** The undergarment according to claim 2, wherein at least one of said first and second elastic members includes a plurality of stretchable strands extending in parallel, and at least one of the front and rear portions of said third elastic members terminate at a point located between adjacent said strands.

15. **(new)** The undergarment according to claim 2, wherein each of the third elastic members extends along an entirety of the peripheral edge of the respective leg-opening.

16. **(new)** The undergarment according to claim 3, wherein
said core includes a front end zone, a rear end zone, and a middle zone extending longitudinally of said undergarment between the front and rear end zones, said middle zone being completely located in said crotch region, said front end zone extending from said middle zone toward said front waist region, and said rear end zone extending from said middle zone toward said rear waist region; and

the middle portions of said first and second elastic members underlie the front and rear end zones of said core, respectively.

17. **(new)** The undergarment according to claim 2, wherein, in the overlapping zones, said first and second elastic members are spaced from said third elastic members, in a thickness direction of said undergarment, by at least a sheet material.

